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TAGS:	CASC:AR:(ERB, PATRICIA ANA)		
SUBJECT:	W/W:ARREST OF PATRICIA ANA ERB		
ACTION:	SECSTATE WASHDC	IMMEDIATE	
TO:	XXXXXXXXXXXX BUENOS AIRES 5976 BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED 1. At approximately 18.00 hours this afternoon, Sep 14 U.S. citizen John Delbert Erb informed Embassy that his daughter Patricia Ana Erb, DPOB 5-31-57 Jackson, Minnesota had been abducted from their home on evening September 13. 2. Father stated that at approximately 11.30 <i>last evening</i> at least seven heavily armed men dressed in green suits and pants and military type boots forcibly entered home. They tied and blindfolded members of family <i>and</i> ransacked house taking money and other valuables. They interrogated Erb's three children and left with Patricia. END UNCLASSIFIED 3. Father said that until one year ago Patricia had ///		

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attended University of Buenos Aires and was former member University Division of Partido Revolucionario de los Trabajadores (PRT), the political arm of the ERP. Maid overheard one of abductors say that they had gotten Patricia's name from one of her friends in prison. Before leaving abductors spray-painted walls with leftist slogans. They did not identify themselves.

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4. Father and family have resided in Argentina since 1958. He is pastor of ~~menonite~~ ^{MENNONITE} church in Buenos Aires.

5. Embassy has contacted Federal Police sources, military sources and Foreign Ministry to determine if Patricia being held by Argentine authorities. ~~Embassy~~ ^{EMBASSY} has made formal request to Foreign Office as to Patricia's whereabouts and ^{stated} that Embassy expects full protection to be provided ^{to her} by GOA.

6. If Patricia held by GOA Embassy will seek immediate Consular access. END UNCLASSIFIED

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